

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS:**

**HONORABLE RAUL M. ARIAS-MARXUACH, U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE**

Date: October 20, 2021

COURTROOM DEPUTY: Natassia Ochoa

**Criminal 20-382 (RAM)**

COURT REPORTER: Robin Dispenzieri

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Attorneys:

Jawayria Zarreen Auchter  
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vs.

1. Rafael Texidor-Perez	Kehylis Y. Vazquez-Torres
2. Carlos Javier Nieves-Rivera	Jose B. Velez-Goveo
3. Jose Raul Dotel	Juan F. Matos-De-Juan (substituted by Jose Velez)
4. Roberto Cedeno-Olivencia	Joseph A. Niskar
5. Maywilliams Jose Salazar-Salazar	Samuel P. Carrion
6. Andrys Mata-Salazar	Linda George
7. Josue Rafael Gutierrez-Salazar	Ronald J. Marzullo-La-Russa
8. Mauro Rafael Lugo-Gonzalez	Emilio F. Morris-Rosa (not present, excused)
9. Isaias Hipolito Salazar-Salazar	Johnny Rivera-Gonzalez
10. Edison Luis Ramos-Gomez	Laura Maldonado-Rodriguez
11. Jorman Roman Rodriguez-Carreno	Joseph A. Boucher-Martinez
12. Asdruzal Jose Rojas-Rojas	Marie L. Cortes-Cortes
13. Franklin Jose Rodriguez-Rivera	Hector J. Dauhajre-Rodriguez
14. Osward Jose Salazar-Rodriguez	Humberto Guzman-Rodriguez
15. Juan Carlos Suniaga-Suniaga	Irma R. Valldejuli-Perez (substituted by Marie Cortes)
	Juan E. Alvarez-Cobian (substituted by Marie Cortes)

16. Jose Luis Salazar-Guerra	Raymond L. Sanchez-Maceira
17. Alexis Jose Salazar-Rivera	Jose L. Novas-Debien (substituted by Marie Cortes)
18. Marco Antonio Romero-Romero	Javier A. Cuyar-Olivo
19. Angel Miguel Rodriguez-Jauregui	Jorge Luis Gerena-Mendez (substituted by Antonio Bisbal)
20. Jesus Antonio Carreno	Leonardo M. Aldridge (substituted by Giovanni Canino)
21. Leonel Alexander Camacho-Lugo	Raul S. Mariani-Franco <b>(NOT PRESENT)</b>
22. Carlos Jose Alcala-Rivas	Rosa Ivette Bonini-Laracuente
23. Valentin Antonio Espinoza-Salazar	Kendys Pimentel-Soto
24. Angel Placido Manta-Salazar	Howard Leader
25. Adrian Jose Romero-Salazar	Benito I. Rodriguez-Masso (substituted by Giovanni Canino)
26. Pedro Alejandro Salazar	Jose R. Gaztambide-Aneses
27. Jacier Alejandro Salazar-Marcano	Luis A. Rodriguez-Munoz
28. Alexis Raul Moreno-Guerrero	Antonio L. Bisbal-Bultron
29. Jose Moreno	Giovanni Canino-Sanchez
30. Jose Sucre	Francisco J. Adams-Quesada (substituted by Giovanni Canino)

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**CASE CALLED FOR STATUS CONFERENCE.**

The government informed that additional discovery has been provided. Copy of two (2) discovery packages have been sent to MDC Guaynabo and Tallahatchie. A motion requesting a protective order regarding an additional discovery package will be filed. They also informed that, to the extent of what is possible, they are in full compliance with the Orders entered at dockets 461 and 462. A response to the motions requesting defendants be present during the physical evidence of the vessels was heard.

Lead Counsel for Groups A, B and C requested additional time to conclude discovery, evaluate plea offers, and all possible options with the defendants.

Additional counsel heard on discovery and inspection issues.

The Court set the following deadlines: by **October 27, 2021** attorney Jose Novas shall file an informative motion regarding if he wishes to continue as Group Leader or not, also by **October 27, 2021** anyone who needs to be realigned to another group shall file a motion. By **October 27, 2021** attorney Raul Mariani shall show cause as to why sanctions shouldn't be imposed for failure to appear and not presenting an excuse or request for substitution of counsel. As to the pending Motion to Dismiss at docket 457, the Court granted the government **seven (7) days** to respond and the defendant **seven (7) days thereafter** to file a reply.

The Court ordered all Group Leaders and counsel for defendants Maywilliams Jose Salazar-Salazar (5) and Andrys Mata-Salazar (6) to review all discovery. They shall meet with the government and by **November 4, 2021**, file a Joint Motion indicating the outstanding discovery disputes by the defendants and the government's response to each dispute.

**Further Status Conference set for January 12, 2022 at 3:00 PM.**

The Speedy Trial Act tolled in the interest of justice and because of the need for additional time to review and complete discovery.

**s/ Natassia Ochoa**  
Courtroom Deputy Clerk